

**NORTH DAKOTA  
STATE BOARD FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
POSTSECONDARY CERTIFICATION STANDARDS**

**Length of Credential:**

- Provisional—2 years
- Regular—5 years

**Level of Education:**

- Minimum of an associate degree or its equivalent.
- Any instructor who does not possess a degree in education takes part in the Postsecondary Clinical Practice Program, with possible additional courses as specified by the SBCTE, or complete a program of study equivalent to the Clinical Practice Program as determined by the SBCTE.

**Who Needs to be Certified:**

- All full-time postsecondary CTE instructors teaching in a CTE discipline.
- Any instructor who teaches less than full time shall be certified if he/she is responsible for curriculum development in the content area and/or designing assessment of student performance.

**Industry Certification:**

- **Industry Instructor Certified**
  - Instructors may have achieved an industry instructor certification through a national accreditation. Instructors with these certifications will be reviewed on an individual basis for exemption to the Clinical Practice.
  - Industry instructor certifications may need to complete possible additional courses as specified by the SBCTE.
- **Content Certified**
  - Required where such industry certification is necessary to teach a course (i.e. ASE certification to teach automotive technology, CCNA certification to teach Cisco networking).
  - Certifications must be earned during the 2-year provisional certificate.

**Renewal Requirements:**

- 120 clock hours of professional development specific to teacher's content area and/or related to instructional delivery methods must be earned for each five-year renewal period (college credit can also be earned to satisfy this requirement with 1 semester hour equaling 15 clock hours).
- Industry certification must be kept current as specified by the appropriate industry and/or national program standards .